

Invitation to special festivities

Mark Waitangi Day with friends and family on February 6

Te Rangi Huata

n February 6 in 1840. rangatira chiefs in the Bay of Islands signed the Treaty of Waitangi with the British

During the course of that year Kahungunu chiefs also signed the Treaty at various places in Hawke's Bay including the mouth of the Tukituki River in East Clive on June 23 that same year.

One hundred and eighty-two years later we celebrate this remarkable occasion of nationhood with fun, sports and families coming together.

Here in Hawke's Bay we have been celebrating Waitangi Day publicly since 2000.

Thousands of New Zealanders in other parts of the country are doing the same and numbers are rising year

Happy 181 years, New Zealand. Happy Waitangi Day, Hawke's Bay.

by year. We do have so much to celebrate about our nation and our achievements too.

It's the 12th year the Hawke's Bay Sports Park will host Waitangi Day celebrations and hundreds of sports players of all backgrounds will play touch, netball and 3x3 basketball. This is now the single biggest annual event at the sports park, attracting 10,000-plus visitors.

An arena size stage showcases New Zealand talents with kaumātua and kura kapa haka, multi ethnic dancers, singers and musicians.

A midday Waitangi Day ceremony will be supported by the Hawke's Bay Soul Choir and history around the Treaty will be shared on a big screen and live streaming broadcast.

Kai is a wonderful part of the day, some of it typical Kiwi, hot dog with sauce, rēwena bread, hāngī and also exotic foods brought to us by new migrants from all around the world



For the 12th year Hawke's Bay Sports Park will host Waitangi Dav celebrations.

Photo / Supplied

who now call New Zealand their home as well, and we welcome them

We are aiming to be a sustainable event too and currently divert 86 per cent of our waste from the landfill. We provide free water hydration stations and remind everyone to pack their own refillable water

Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga Health Services will be providing Covid-19 vaccine booster shots to those eligible to strengthen their immune system four months after

their second dose. Other organisations are there to share the latest and greatest tips on

Waitangi Day Family Celebrations

- 8am to 4pm Saturday, February 5.
- Mitre 10 Hawke's Bay Sportspark, 42 Percival Rd, Hastings

better living, and are providing a free drinking water tanker located next to the stage for hydrating.

Free rides all day on thrill and family rides mounted by Huntlybased iconic Kiwi amusement operator Mahons will be a major drawcard funded by Ngāti

Kahungunu. We do have lots to celebrate. It is our nation's birthday. Happy 181 years, New Zealand. Happy Waitangi Day, Hawke's Bay.

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Hawke's Bay Today

Maraenui community pitched in for the free Clean Up Day.









Maraenui teams up for clean-up

Volunteers help collect 26,970kg of household rubbish in three days

> or the second year in a row, Maraenui's residents were given the opportunity to have household rubbish picked up or dropped off for free in an annual Clean Up Day on December 20, organised by Tu Tangata Maraenui Trust, with sponsorship from the Napier City Council, Kainga Ora, Keep Napier Beautiful, Clean Earth, Napier Pak'nSave and the trust itself.

A huge team of volunteers, including the Eastern District Police, Greenmeadows Rotary Club, Kainga Ora staff, Maraenui Maori Wardens, the Red Whanau and willing locals spent what stretched into almost three days, moving 26,970kg (342cu m) of waste.

As Clean Earth owner Deborah Burnside said, "This was more waste by weight (by more than 10 tonne) and by volume than the Mission Concert where over 20,000 people are in attendance.

The trust was overwhelmed by the response which Tu Tangata Maraenui trustee and Nelson Park Ward councillor Maxine Boag said was "wonderful in that we saw the enthusiasm locals had in cleaning up their back yards and houses before Christmas; but way beyond our

 $expectations-and\,the\,budget$

we had set". But the job had to be done, so a smaller group of volunteers returned the second, and third day to clear the streets where mattresses, old TVs and furniture were still waiting to be picked up. Tu Tangata's Facebook

page was full of thanks and praise for the effort.

"My grandmother and our whanau want to thank you all for your hard mahi. You've all done an amazing job for the people of Maraenui. Thank you all so much for the opportunity to clean our whares up." And from one of the volunteers, "Mahia te mahi e te iwi o Ngati Kahungunu!

Big Chur for all those helpers and those restoring pride to the Nui!

Vicious mahi in the heat yesterday but we got it done! Massive effort everyone!

By the people, for the people – this was a community-driven project which left residents ready to enjoy their tidy homes and back vards for the summer ahead. As Facebook poster Steve said, "Big Chur for all those helpers and those restoring pride to the Nui!"

Nannies against Covid aim to boost jabs

Same kaupapa, different enemy, say marae group

> group of around 20 nannies from Heretaunga Marae met in December to launch a public health campaign "Nannies against Covid" at Matahiwi marae to increase Māori vaccinations among their whānau, hapū

These nannies are not strangers to the limelight either. In 2017, they launched a campaign, "Nannies against P", which garnered national attention as they raised the awareness of the harms of methamphetamine for whānau.

The kaupapa of supporting whānau is the same, but the enemy is different.

Areta Te Huia, chair of Ngā Kairauhii Trust and Mihiroa Marae representative, says: "We are very concerned that some of our whānau are still choosing not to be vaccinated against Covid, we just want to keep ourselves and our mokos

"Nannies against Covid" illustrates the important role nannies play in influencing their own whānau and wider communities.

Lovey Edwards from Matahiwi Marae commented, 'me getting vaccinated had a direct influence on two of my mokopuna's getting vaccinated also.



"We can be the example." Matahiwi marae

chairwoman Darlene Carol said, "I took my 93-year-old mother to get vaccinated. I had no intention of getting it myself, however I thought if my mother is willing to do it, I should be too."

The nannies understand the many sensitivities around vaccination and how it can cause rifts amongst whānau and communities. "Most of my mokos have

been vaccinated, but some still choose not to. We just love them all regardless," says Olive Aranui, Te Awhina marae

Nannies representative.

vaccinations among their

whānau,

hapü and iwi.

Ngā Kairauhii Trust is the Covid are on marae collective that has been a mission to the brains behind the nannies' increase Māori

The trust is made up of representatives from six marae – Mihiroa, Matahiwi, Omahu, Te Awhina, Runanga and Waimārama - and is focused on supporting whānau wellbeing from a marae/ tikanga Māori lens.

The trust has been operating since the mid-90s, with all of the trustees over the vears being nannies.

Waimārama Marae representative Marama

Tiakitai Hart savs, "we want what's best for our mokopuna, so living long healthy lives is paramount."

Bayden Barber, a local Hastings district councillor and Health Hawke's Bay director, has also been a keen supporter of the trust's work

over the years. "The nannies do a great job of just telling it how it is. Mum [Tiakitai Hart] is the pou in our whānau so when she says something, we all take notice." Beverly Te Huia from Choices and Dale Moffat from

Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga, along with their staff, were in attendance at the hui

Both organisations have been actively supporting marae during the Covid outbreaks.

Te Huia commented: "An outbreak in any of our marae communities would be devastating, therefore we appreciate the leadership the nannies are showing. We fully

support the kaupapa."
Each of the marae will be looking to run marae-based activities that support whānau wellbeing over the next few months.

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AUNTY'S GARDEN

Family moments and food will be priority this year

Hanui Lawrence

After watching Mamma Mial on TV over the new year for the umpteenth time, I reflected on my favourite scene between mother and daughter as the daughter sits in her mother's lap, they have a tender and precious moment prior to the daughter's pending marriage. The love that extended from both, the gentle closeness and the anticipation of what lay ahead shone through to me.

And so it can be for all of us through these turbulent times of uncertainty, of discontent, of fear, of wonder and of hardship.
There will be many

opportunities to have tender and treasured moments with family this year. Family closeness is

paramount at this time. Let it happen spontaneously and with goodness. Happiness is sure to follow.

I have many tender moments with those who come to the mara.

Shirley is at the mara at 6am watering each bed of plants. Wendy, also early, gently gathering the sweet peas putting them into jars and

offering them to others.
Astris and her children, once babes, now 7 and 10, gathering and eating the raspberries. And the plants responding to the care given. by growing with relish to be taken home and enjoyed.



2022: what challenges are ahead? Well let's make it a

courgette cauliflower

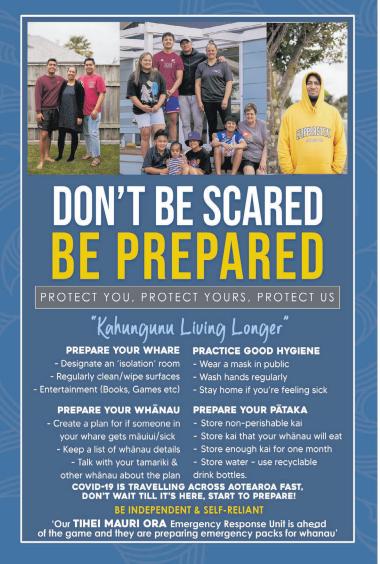
Delicious

Recipe for the month Courgette cauliflour fritters Ingredients

1 large cup of courgettes 3-4 cauliflower flowerettes ½ cup of breadcrumbs 1 tomato (remove seeds) 1egg 4 cup of cream 1tsp brown sugar 1 pkt chicken cream soup ½ cup of flour

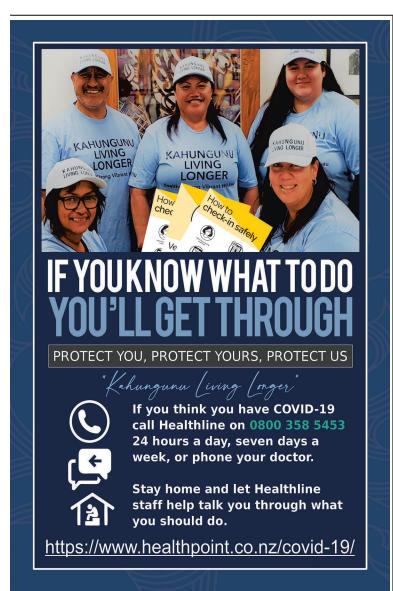
Salt and pepper Method

Grate the courgettes – drain Grate cauliflour Put into a bowl Add the breadcrumbs, add egg, sugar, salt and pepper, chicken soup and mix. Add flour as needed. Fry spoonfuls in pan of oil. Flatten with fork. Gently fry each side then eat straight away. Yummy, very nice.





Marae keeping leadership lineage strong



Waimārama graduation 'absolutely uplifting', says wānanga organiser

aimārama Marae takes pride in the fact they are keeping their pae pae alive and thriving. They have a strong line of leaders being nurtured from a very young age and they are being taught by their elders, their leaders, even their peers.

Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated is pleased to have supported the Pae Karanga o Waimāmara 2021, which ended with an aweinspiring graduation just before Christmas.

Participants felt overwhelmed yet humble to be a part of an awesome event that brought out the voice of their ancestors, who had been shaken from deep within.

Fear turned to calm, then each lesson took them from strength to strength, awakening a voice within that was always there.

Waimārama Marae karanga expert and wānanga organiser Orine Gillies and her whānau provided manaaki for those who attended. "Graduation day was o Waimārama 2021 - one of the many

"Graduation day was absolutely uplifting for our hapu", said Orine.

"Each and every person who joined in the wananga whether as a student, a teacher or a helper, was clothed in the korowai of leadership and obligation, a feeling of responsibility to stand and karanga no matter who you are

are.
"The majority of our
whānau, tāmariki, ringawera,
and kaumātua feasted in the
lore of ancient tikanga Māori,"
she said. "Healthy local organic
kai from Hapī enhanced our
capacity for higher learning.

"I have had amazing feedback from most of the participants, who would like to see this take place again."

What's going to work – teamwork.



'The Nannies' is a narrative started during National Lockdown 2020, based on a pair of lively elderly cousins who live next-door to each other

Nigel Hov

p until Christmas Day it was a very busy time in our little village. December started with us bidding a final farewell to Nanny 82's niece, followed a week later by my whangai sister and then to a beloved Aunty who was laid to rest on Christmas Eve. We miss them all.

Being in traffic light system added an interesting dimension to all three tangihanga, as our marae and hapū grappled with the accompanying health protocols to keep the kutu Covid-19 in check. Our marae hasn't been this clean in ages.

Everyone was kept as safe as could be from that kutu. The mana of our passed loved ones was upheld in us all saying goodbye and following health protocols.

The mana of our marae was maintained in navigating exactly how traffic light levels work for us during tangihanga.

It was a true team effort, for which we cannot thank the respective whānau-pani enough in understanding what was to occur and then ensuring that we all did that together. As one, to keep everyone safe. Manaakitanga.

In maintaining all this manaakitanga, both me and Nanny 82 completely forgot about her attending her Whanganui land hui via Zoom.

She was at our marae with the second whânau-pani and I had ducked to town to do some urgent errands. We only realised four days later she missed getting her \$100 kaumātua grant when we saw the AGM notice in her kitchen staring at us. "Bloody hell," she reckors.

Nanny 76 was in Porirua

Bloody tūī! Making all sorts of kōrero.

Nanny 76

during that second tangihanga and arrived home before the third. Upon her return home we three met as we usually do at Nanny 82's lavender coloured house for our evening meal and kôrero.

As mussel fritters were on the menu, Nanny 82 diligently stood at the stove flipping fritters, so there was no chance of her burning anything.

Once the dishes were done, we retired to the sitting-room.

As usual after hui at our marae, we spent half an hour discussing the marae linen.

Yes, half an hour — I timed it. Washing and folding linen, along with recalling multiple examples of technique both good and bad, is a topic both nannies love to chew over.

Then Nanny 76 launched into a körero from her latest trip away to the graduation of her mokopuna. Nanny 76 and her whânau had returned that evening to her daughter's whare.

"We went upstairs to get dressed," explained Nanny 76, "and when we turned the light on there was this huge

commotion outside". "Oh" responded Nanny 82



"He aha te raruraru?"

"Bloody tūi!" proclaimed
Nappy 76

"Making all sorts of körero. It was as if they were saying 'excuse us, but could you close nga curtain?"

"Then my moko said 'show's over' as she shut nga curtain, next minute she opened them and away these tui went again, fair chatting away going to town! So I told her to shut nga curtain, these things should be asleep not eye-gawking at us."

"See, they were telling you something" Nanny 82 nodded with a grin, then completely changing the subject added "I hope Santa visits me".

Me and Nanny 76 swiftly changed tact to the wayward winds of Nanny 82, in knowing that her whānau were not due to visit until New Year. Spending Christmas alone is not something most people look forward to, except the few like myself who would love nothing better than to stay in bed all day reading a good book.

"Well if Santa doesn't turn

well it santa doesn't turn up, looks like you're stuck with us" I replied, which kept the grin on Nanny 82's face. "Ae, ka tika" confirmed

"Ae, ka tika" confirmed Nanny 76, smiling endearingly at her cousin.

Nanny 82 then replied "I'd better get my cats something." Not us ... the cats ...

You will be happy to know Nanny 82 had us and others in our village keep her well entertained on Christmas Day, with a lovely barbecue lunch up the road.

That night, I got back to the lavender house to find both nannies having just finished a bottle of wine and about to indulge in a tibble of port.

It was a delightful festive day and a very merry Christmas night. To many Tūi were making a commotion outside the bedroom window.

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K3 housing a blueprint for iwi future

Mother, two children ecstatic to move into brand new house

ature Ratima is grinning from ear to ear. She is one of two whānau members who moved into a brand new home just before Christmas.

Ratima had previously lived in a Kainga Ora home that was damaged due to her neighbour's home catching on fire. Unable to fix the home during Covid, a tarpaulin covered a leaky roof that eventually turned mouldy and unsuitable for her and her 7 year old daughter, Te Atairangi, and 1-month-old baby, Te Korowai. She was moved into emergency

She was moved into emergency housing at a motel for a short time before being contacted with the news that she was chosen to move into a brand spanking new Kainga Ora home.

"I was so shocked and overwhelmed with the news," says Ratima. "I was happy to be moving into a new place, but I didn't imagine it being a brand newly built home."

A special blessing of the whare was held on the morning of December 22, with the two whānau members being assisted to move in that day, with the support of Emerge Aotearoa and Kainga Ora.

Ratima is still overwhelmed that she was chosen to move into this new home. She said, "This is one of the best gifts I could ever have imagined for me and my children."

Ratima and her children feel safe, happy and comfortable in their new home.

The iwi construction company, K3 Kahungunu Property (K3), is happy to have delivered on its housing



vision with the completion of two
Maraenui homes on the eve of
Christmas. The homes were built to
HomeStar 6 standards, including

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solar-powered energy for Kainga Ora.
The next six K3 homes will be on
Kelvin Road, Maraenui, with
construction to begin in March this
year followed by other sites later in
2022 across Maraenui. This includes
a large development of more than
600 homes on the outskirts of

Maraenui on Riverbend Road.

"This housing solution is seeing families move out of motels and giving them a chance to live in a home that they can make their own" says K3 chief executive Aayden Clarke.

"K3 specifically seeks to support and contract with Māori-owned trades businesses, with an estimated 70 per cent of this development contracted to Māori trades business owners. It's an awesome opportunity for Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi" says Clarke. "K3 is the future of iwi housing," says iwi chairman Ngahiwi Tomoana. One of the whānau moves

into the whare. Nature Ratima

with her two children. Te

Korowai and Te

Atairangi, with the chairman,

Ngahiwi Tomoana

"K3 has a bright future, as do those potential whānau who will reside within the whare."



To keep up with K3 updates, check out the Facebook page: K3 Kahungunu Property – Home

Flaxmere Christian Fellowship
220 Flaxmere Avenue, Hastings
Main Sunday Meeting - 10:30 AM

The Flaxmere Christian Fellowship is a local Church which has been operating since1980. Situated on Flaxmere Avenue it draws people from around the Hastings and Napier area. This Pentecostal Church was birthed out of the Charismatic renewal of the late 1970's. The main meeting is every Sunday morning starting 10:30. A Bible College also operates on Sunday evenings for those serious about advancing their knowledge of the Bible. Different groups run during the weekend which cater to youth ad adults. Children's Sunday school classes run on a fortnightly basis during the Main Sunday service.

The Fellowship aims at reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ and the transformational power that message brings. It is involved with different programs in the community to help bring this to pass. The Flaxmere Christian Fellowship is also a strong advocate for the Jewish People's right to exist as an independent and sovereign state on their historial ancient land in Israel.

Feel free to come and try us out!

Main Sunday Meeting 10.30am

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Rangatahi join the vaccination drive

Bringing a friendly smile to Flaxmere vax effort

> t's been a busy few months for iwi rangatahi who have been working as kai manaaki to support the vaccination drive in Flaxmere throughout November, December and now into January. Hawke's Bay District Health

> Board officials asked Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated to support their efforts to get whānau in the community of Flaxmere vaccinated. Heat maps showed high statistics of whānau in Flaxmere still not vaccinated at that time.

Director of Smart Services for Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi, Ruth Wong, immediately took on the challenge to co-ordinate an iwiled group to create an atmosphere of kotahitanga/ togetherness for our community.

"Once I knew our plan, it only took one day to pull the team together to provide the support that the Hawke's Bay District Health Board needed for Flaxmere," Ruth said.

The hardest thing was understanding the politics of the game and realising we were not just working with unvaccinated whānau, but a disconnect in our Primary Health system."

A working group of community vendors, a DJ with cool sounds, and rangatahi were sourced to support the



Our last Flax Vax Drive Thru for 2021 was held on Tuesday, December 21. Rangatahi, from left: Keita Heke, Roby Faavae, Iritana Matenga, Te Kano Harmer, Derek Faavae, Mahinarangi Heke, Uenuku Munro, Paige Te Wake-Juniper, Ataneta Peachey, Em Keenan and Dante Tayor.

iwi's efforts to manaaki or care for those car loads of whānau who would come through to

get vaccinated.
"This challenge wasn't just about vaccinating a community, it was about opportunities to support rangatahi through empowering manaakitanga at its best, greeting people with a offering kai, drink, a little kõrero about how their day is going, music and the enjoyment of singing by familiar faces in the community, and bringing Kahungunutanga in the house with a vision of Kahungunu colours and our health $strategy-Kahungunu\,Living$

paua cyan blue shirts and pear green vests. It has been about helping local vendors who give to our community, opportunity for employment during a down time in economy," she said. The mahi in this kaupapa

started well before November 2021 and will carry on well

after January 2022 as the rollout for 5-11-year-old vaccinations takes place.

"One thing learned in this whole experience is that good communication is the key, and we all need to stay positive."

Vaccinations have increased which is great. Keep up the good work everyone! We're not alone!



Children from Ebbett Park, sharing their music.

Music trust event a chance for children to take the stage

On Monday, December 13, a number of children from Ebbett Park School performed at the annual community function run by Hastings District Council Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst.

The event was held at Toitoi, the Hawke's Bay Arts and Events Centre where about 100 members of the community assistance groups were in attendance.

The children, who are music students of the Orokohanga Music Trust, were outstanding. Long-time Hawke's Bay music educator and Trust chair and programme coordinator Ngaire Shand was pleased the children were given this

opportunity to perform in front of a crowd.

"It is vital that the children get exposure through 'performance'. It lifts their confidence and gives them a chance to test themselves. They came off stage showing huge pride and satisfaction in themselves."

Due to Covid it had not been

possible to find those 'performance' opportunities, so this was a pleasant occasion for the tutors, the children and their families.

The trust believes through formal music training from a young age children can further their own self-belief, selfdiscipline and develop lifelong love of music.

